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REVIEW OF THE RESULTS AND DECISIONS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN OVERALL REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENDA 21 AND OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE HIGH-LEVEL COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS AT ITS SECOND MEETING

Participation of the United Nations Environment Programme in the work of the Global Environment Facility

Background

1. At its eleventh meeting, held in New Delhi, 29-31 March 1998 (the full report of the meeting is contained in document UNEP/GCSS.V/6/INF/2), the Council of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) requested the Chief Executive Officer/Chairman of the Facility, in conformity with paragraph 22 and Annex D, paragraph 7, of the Instrument for the Establishment of the Restructured GEF, to transmit the Joint Summary of the Chairs for the meeting, the Report on the Second Replenishment of the GEF Trust Fund, and the GEF evaluation reports to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNEP and the World Bank, inviting each of them, in its role as an implementing agency, to take note of the replenishment and to accept and take appropriate action on the policy recommendations.

2. The Chief Executive Officer/Chairman of the Facility, Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will present the recommendations addressed to UNEP by the GEF Council to the plenary of the meeting.

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Suggested action by the Governing Council

3. The Governing Council may wish:

(a) To welcome the progress made by the Executive Director in strengthening the role of UNEP in GEF, pursuant to decision 19/12 and the Nairobi Declaration on the Role and Mandate of UNEP;

(b) To welcome the results of the first meeting of the GEF Assembly, held in New Delhi on 1-3 April 1998;

(c) To welcome the successful conclusion of the negotiation on the second replenishment of GEF and to endorse the policy recommendations on actions to be undertaken by GEF to maximize its effectiveness and impacts, while respecting the prerogatives of the governing bodies of the implementing agencies;

(d) To endorse the new profile of UNEP as an implementing agency of GEF, as contained in the statement of the Executive Director to the first meeting of the GEF Assembly;

(e) To invite the Executive Director to take such additional actions as are deemed necessary to strengthen further the role of UNEP in GEF.